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Priority Document, the rights of priority of which are claimed herewith under 35 U.S.C. 119: Japanese Application No. 2000-270300 filed September 6, 2000.

6 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-6). Drawing:

Verified Statements Claiming Small Entity Status: Independent Inventor and Small Business Concern.

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